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To the Assistant Commissioner For Patents:

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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT A AND ELECTION

Assistant Commissioner
For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In the Claims:

Please add new claim 19 based on previous claim 13
as follows:

A) 19. (Amended) An apparatus for treating a food product comprising:

(a) a means for spraying the food product with a solution comprising peracetic acid in a first chamber; and,

5 (b) a means for drying the food product in a second chamber.

REMARKS AND ELECTION

This paper is responsive to the Office Action of November 21, 2002.

The applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-15, **with traverse**.

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